(c) and (d) In the conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers held in March, 2001, it was resolved *inter alia* that commercial viability has to be achieved in distribution in 2-3 year through any or all of the following:

Creating Profit Centres with full accountability

Handing over of local distribution to Panchatyats/Local Bodies/ Franchisees/Users Association, Wherever necessary.

Privatisation of distribution

Or any other means.

The Distribution Policy Committee constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) in its report, taking into account the recommendations of Kanungo Committee, has recommended, *inter alia*, that:

(i) For privatisation to succeed, support of the State Government in the transition period has to be provided by ensuring that:—

Government departments/agencies and municipal bodies are able to pay for their electricity bills and accept the commercial discipline that electricity cannot be supplied without timely payment.

Governace and law enforcement support is provided for assisting the privatized utilities in bringing about the necessary change in deep-rooted attitudes among their employees as well as customers so that all energy flows are metered and audited and supply discontinued in the absence of timely payment.

(ii) The various stakeholders including the State Government need to acknowledge that privatisation may not result in commercially viable entities immediately and there would be a transition phase.

Riots in Gujarat

†*.54. DR. A.K.PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Commission has been set-up to investigate into the riots in Gujarat under the Chairmanship of former Justice Shri D.S. Tewatia of Calcutta High Court;

(b) if, so, the details thereof;and

(c) the report submitted by the said Commission till date?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat has appointed a Commission of Inquiry under the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 consisting of Mr. Justice G.T. Nanawati, Retired Judge of Supreme Court as Chairman and Mr. justice K.G. Shah, Retired Judge of Gujarat High Court as member to enquire into the incident of setting on fire some coaches of the Sabarmati Express train near Godhra Railway Station on 27 February, 2002 and subsequent incidents of violence in the state in the aftermath of the Godhra incident. The enquiry is in progress.

Revival package for NTC Mills

*.55. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many mills will be revived and how many will be closed according to the revival package for NTC Mills;

(b) the names of the mills which will be revived; and

(c) the steps taken to revive each mill?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) (a) Out of a total 119 mills of NTC, 53 viable mills are proposed for revival and the remaining 66 enviable mills proposed for closure.

Status of approval.	Proposed for Revival	Proposed for closure	Total
Package approved by BIFR (6 subsidiaries)	27	42	69
Package under consideration of BIFR (2 subsidiaries)	17	18	35
Package approved by Government [NTC (TNP)]	6	4	10
Package under consideration of Government [NTC (HC)]	3	2	5
Total	53	66	119

(b) The Names of 53 mills proposed for revival are given in the Statement.